

**Lemma 1** For every semi-deterministic Büchi automaton  $\mathcal{A}$  there exists a deterministic Muller automaton  $\mathcal{A}'$  with  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{A}) = \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{A}')$ .

**Proof:**

Let  $\mathcal{A} = (N \uplus D, I, T, F)$ ,  $d = |D|$ , and let  $D$  be ordered by  $<$ . We construct the DMA  $(S', \{s'_0\}, T', \mathcal{F})$ :

- $S' = 2^N \times \{0, \dots, 2d\} \rightarrow D \cup \{\sqcup\}$
- $s'_0 = (\{N \cap I\}, (d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n, \sqcup, \dots, \sqcup))$ ,  
where  $d_i < d_{i+1}$ ,  $\{d_1, \dots, d_n\} = D \cap I$ .
- $T' = \{((N_1, f_1), \sigma, (N_2, f_2)) \mid N_2 = \text{pr}_3(T \cap N_1 \times \{\sigma\} \times N)\}$   
 $D' = \text{pr}_3(T \cap N_1 \times \{\sigma\} \times D)$   
 $g_1 : n \mapsto d_2 \in D \Leftrightarrow f_1 : n \mapsto d_1 \in D \wedge d_1 \rightarrow^\sigma d_2$   
 $g_2$ : insert the elements of  $D'$  in the empty slots of  $g_1$  (using  $<$ )  
 $f_2$ : delete every recurrence (leaving an *empty* slot)
- $\mathcal{F} = \{F' \subseteq S' \mid \exists i \in 1, \dots, 2d \text{ s.t.}$   
 $f(i) \neq \sqcup \text{ for all } (N', f) \in F' \text{ and}$   
 $f(i) \in F \text{ for some } (N', f) \in F'\}$ .

$\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{A}) \subseteq \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{A}')$ :

If  $\alpha \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{A})$ ,  $\mathcal{A}$  has an accepting run  $r = n_0 \dots n_{j-1} d_j d_{j+1} d_{j+2} \dots$

where  $n_k \in N$  for  $k < j$  and  $d_k \in D$  for  $k \geq j$ .

Consider the run  $r' = (N_0, f_0), (N_1, f_1), \dots$  of  $\mathcal{A}'$  on  $\alpha$ .

- $n_k \in N_k$  for all  $k < j$ ,
- for all  $k \geq j$ ,  $d_k = f_k(i)$  for some  $i \leq 2d$ ,
- these  $i$ 's are non-increasing, and hence stabilize eventually.
- for this stable  $i$ ,  
 $f(i) \neq \sqcup$  for all  $(N', f) \in \text{In}(r')$  and  $f(i) \in F$  for some  $(N', f) \in \text{In}(r')$ .
- $\text{In}(r') \in \mathcal{F}$ .

$\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{A}') \subseteq \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{A})$ :

For  $\alpha \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{A}')$ ,  $\mathcal{A}'$  has an accepting run  $r' = (N_0, f_0), (N_1, f_1), \dots$

- We pick an  $i$  and an accepting set  $F' \in \mathcal{F}$  s.t.  
 $f(i) \neq \sqcup$  for all  $(N', f) \in F'$  and  $f(i) \in F$  for some  $(N', f) \in F'$ .
- We pick a  $j \in \omega$  such that  $f_n(i) \neq \sqcup$  for all  $n > j$ .
- There is a run  $r = s_0 s_1 \dots s_j f_{j+1}(i) f_{j+2}(i) f_{j+3}(i) \dots$  of  $\mathcal{A}$  for  $\alpha$ .
- $r$  is accepting.

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